

UPDATE- Victim Identified

Troopers Arrest Sussex County Man for Murder

Rehoboth Beach- Delaware State Police have identified the individual who died during an early Sunday morning shooting as **Arrick Richards, 41, of Lewes, DE.**

On February 20, 2022, at approximately 12:45 a.m., troopers responded to a report of a shooting at the Coastal Taproom located at 18766 John J. Williams Highway, Rehoboth Beach. Upon arrival, Arrick Richards was located in the bar area suffering from a gunshot wound. He was transported to Beebe Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

Through the investigation, it was learned the victim and suspect were involved in a verbal argument over a game of pool. During the verbal argument the suspect produced a handgun and shot the victim in the chest. The suspect then fled the scene. Through investigative means the suspect was identified as Edward Martin. Troopers located Martin operating a motor vehicle in the Long Neck area and a traffic stop was conducted. Martin was taken into custody without incident, and a subsequent probable cause search led to the discovery of a gun inside of the vehicle.

Martin was then transported to Troop 7 where he was charged with Murder 1st Degree, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, and Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon. Martin was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$800,000 cash bond.

This case remains an active investigation being conducted by the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit. Anyone with

information is asked to contact Sgt. Stephen Yeich by calling 302-741-2703 or emailing Stephen.Yeich@delaware.gov. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at delaware.crimestoppersweb.com

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